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Personal

Bowdoin College

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Professor Asa Gray :-

Dear Sir,

The  
unusual proposal, which I am  
about to make, will, I hope, re-  
ceive your favorable consideration.

I am very anxious to  
undertake a course of botanical  
study under your direction. My  
College duties render it absolutely  
impossible for me to be absent  
from Brunswick during term time.  
The following course, therefore, ap-  
pears to be the only one left open-  
to commence work here, with  
the appliances at my command,  
and present my work at regular  
periods for your inspection.

I have made myself

familiar with your "Structural & Systematic Botany", with Balfour's Class Book, Schleiden (Prin. Sc. Bot.) and have worked out the microscopy (esp. fertilization & embryology). But study by myself is unsatisfactory, for there is a fear lest some part of the subject may have been misunderstood. I am ready to undertake any work in vegetable physiology provided I can have a monthly, a semiannual, or an annual examination by you. (Of course this study has no reference to a degree in the Lawrence Sc. School).

If you can accede to my request, either as I have made it, or in some modified form, I will endeavor ~~to~~ to bring no discredit upon you whom we all recognize as our American Authority.

It is understood by me that, under the circumstances, the

amount of tuition (fee) should be the same as if it were in my power to reside at Cambridge.

Should you see fit to send me an affirmative answer to my questions, please mark out a course of study, give the titles of the French, German or English monographs which you wish me to procure and assign a time for an examination. I will only add that I have at my disposal a well-furnished Laboratory (Chemical) and one of Gunow's microscopes with 1  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{2}{5}$   $\frac{1}{55}$   $\frac{1}{15}$  objectives, so that I need only a master.

Very respectfully  
Geo. L. Goodale